

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the specification:

Please amend the specification at page 19, lines 21-31 and page 20, lines 1-5, as follows:

--"CTLA4Ig" is a soluble fusion protein comprising an extracellular domain of wildtype CTLA4 joined to an Ig tail, or a portion thereof that binds a B7. A particular embodiment comprises the extracellular domain of wild type CTLA4 (as shown in Figure 19) starting at methionine at position +1 and ending at aspartic acid at position +124; or starting at alanine at position -1 to aspartic acid at position +124; a junction amino acid residue glutamine at position +125; and an immunoglobulin portion encompassing glutamic acid at position +126 through lysine at position +357 (DNA encoding CTLA4Ig was deposited on May 31, 1991 with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110-2209 under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty, and has been accorded ATCC accession number ATCC 68629; Linsley, P., et al., 1994 *Immunity* 1:793-80). CTLA4Ig-24, a Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell line expressing CTLA4Ig was deposited on May 31, 1991 with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110-2209 under the provisions of the Budapest Treaty, and has been accorded ATCC identification number CRL-10762). The soluble CTLA4Ig molecules used in the methods and/or kits of the invention may or may not include a signal (leader) peptide sequence. Typically, in the methods and/or kits of the invention, the molecules do not include a signal peptide sequence.--